

December 11, 2006
Seven o'clock P.M.
North Little Rock City Hall Council Chambers
300 Main Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

The regular meeting of the North Little Rock City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the honorable Mayor PATRICK HENRY HAYS. The roll having been called, and the following Aldermen answered to their names: MARTIN GIPSON, NEIL BRYANT, LINDA ROBINSON, GARY BERRY, JOHN PARKER, CHARLIE HIGHT and MURRY WITCHER, a quorum was declared (7/0). Alderman OLEN THOMAS was absent. Mayor Hays advised Alderman Thomas was released from the hospital earlier, in good spirits and looking forward to returning. City Clerk Diane Whitbey and City Attorney Paul Suskie were also present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Berry, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Alderman Parker.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the minutes of a regular council meeting held on Monday, November 27, 2006, were approved, accepted and filed as prepared by the City Clerk (7/0).

On the blanket motion of Alderwoman Robinson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, communications # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 were accepted and filed (7/0).

1. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: application for new restaurant mixed drink permit for Gabriel's Steak House and Oyster Bar f/k/a Jim's Razorback Pizza, 7412 North Hills Boulevard by Steven Jay Gabriel.
3. Dan Flowers, Director of Highways and Transportation, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, letter to Mayor Hays re: request for signs directing motorists to new Dickey-Stephens Park. Signs are warranted based on projected attendance of 300,000 fans per year.
4. Dan Flowers, Director of Highways and Transportation, Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, letter to Mayor Hays re: resolution requesting Highway 165 Access Management Plan. Plan currently being reviewed and if found acceptable, will be presented to the Commission for consideration.
5. Eddie Trower, Manager of Government Relations, Charter Communications letter to Mayor Hays re: effective December 27, 2006, some price adjustments will be made due to increased operating costs; and, letter to Mayor Hays re: effective December 27, 2006, some price adjustments will be made for non-regulated High-Speed Internet services.
6. John N. Roberts, Regional Solid Waste Management District, Pulaski County memorandum to Mayor Hays re: Notice of Intent for Class 1 Landfill Certificate of Need; BFI Model Fill Landfill/Mabelvale Pike/Little Rock.
7. Wilma Keller, President, Greater Little Rock Rugby Club letter to Mayor Hays re: Thank You for 30 years of wonderful interactions with the North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Personnel.
8. Sharon Tedford, Mayor's Office memorandum re: retail liquor and retail beer off premises –

replacement permit for Pushpa C. Dudh, Stella's Liquor, 4816 East Broadway by Gurmeet Kaur.

9. Tom Wadley, Code Enforcement Director, letter to City Council re: car lots/East Broadway corridor.
11. Jim Harvey, CEO Central Arkansas Water, letter of thanks re: presentation of Draft Lake Maumelle Watershed Management Plan (Tetra Tech).

On the motion of Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, communications #2 and 10 were read by title only, accepted and filed (7/0).

2. Gary Clements, North Little Rock Historic District Commission letter to Mayor Hays and City Council re: amendment to local Historic District Ordinance to expand boundaries.
10. Leslie Middleton and Kara Horton, Vice President Horton Brothers Printing Co., Inc. memorandum to Mayor Hays and City Council re: proposed boundary of addition to North Little Rock Historic District; stating opposition to inclusion of modern buildings identified within said memorandum.

Mayor Hays discussed the proposed amendment and objections. Alderman Gipson said a public hearing would be needed and he would not be on the council after the first of the year.

Alderwoman Robinson will sponsor legislation to be filed after the first of the year, at which time a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007, at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Hays convened a special call this date.

December 7, 2006

Honorable Members of the City Council

Re: Special Council Meeting

Dear Members of the City Council:

This is to advise that we have called a special Council meeting of the North Little Rock City Council for 7:00 p.m., on December 11, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The following will be on the agenda:

- 1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE (NATIONAL CORE) FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF NEW HORIZONS APARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsored by: Mayor Patrick H. Hays

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mayor Patrick H. Hays

The law requires that each of you be notified of the time, place and subject matter of any specially called Council meeting. This notice does not require any special written formalities or

waivers on your behalf, unless you are notified within a 24-hour period prior to the special meeting.

It is requested that each of you sign the cover letter simply to indicate that you have been informed of the nature and time of the meeting. However, please be aware that your signature is not required unless a period of less than 24 hours remains before the designated time for the meeting and you have not previously received notice.

This will evidence that I have received this notice of a special Council meeting for 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 11, 2006, at City Hall, Council Chambers, North Little Rock, and waive time of notice.

/s/ Martin Gipson
MARTIN GIPSON

/s/ Gary Berry
GARY BERRY

/s/ Neil Bryant
NEIL BRYANT

/s/ John Parker
JOHN PARKER

OLEN THOMAS

/s/ Murry Witcher
MURRY WITCHER

/s/ Linda Robinson
LINDA ROBINSON

/s/ Charlie Hight
CHARLIE HIGHT

Note: Alderman Thomas was in the hospital and in surgery at the time of attempted service of the Special Call on December 8th. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Suskie to see if this presented any problem. Alderman Thomas called the City Clerk's Office following the meeting and spoke with Deputy City Clerk Mattie Robbins, and advised he had no objection to the Special Call.

SPECIAL CALL #1 (RESOLUTION NO. 7031 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY RENAISSANCE (NATIONAL CORE) FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF NEW HORIZONS APARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,
was read. Mayor Hays reviewed the request from New Horizons and their plans to upgrade the facility. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

Alderman Gipson asked that communication #5 be read by title only. (*See description above).

Mayor Hays reconvened a public hearing at 7:15 p.m., from Monday, December 4, 2006, pertaining to O-06-107, O-06-111 and O-06-112. Mr. Joe Gertsch, North Little Rock Electric Department General Manager reviewed a summary (distributed this date) regarding an unprecedented increase in wholesale power costs, the need to increase retail electric rates and the hardship imposed on the community. The Electric Department is working to improve their purchase power position. Information on factors influencing the cost of electricity nationwide was included. Mayor Hays reviewed proposed amendment to O-06-107 regarding technical clarifications and the Residential RS Rate and the Residential RSH w/Water Heater Rate

pursuant to Act 120 of 1983. Mr. Phil Pounders is a 27 year resident and employee of the City of North Little Rock. He also has a part-time business. Mr. Pounders asked the council to consider a reduced fee for part-time sole proprietorship businesses. His business license fee will increase a total of 296% since 2003. Ms. Estella West, Levy ACORN Chairman spoke for Section 8 and low income families and asked the council to consider a program for said families. Mr. Scott Miller lives on 5th Street in the Argenta neighborhood. He said he recognizes the decisions facing the council. Residents appreciate the services provided by the city. He spoke for minimum wage residents who cannot afford a substantial increase in electric rates and franchise fees. Mr. Miller referenced a step-increase and conservation. Ms. Linda Dantzler asked about the 20% discount and what that meant. Alderman Gipson advised the increase will be on the actual bill, (note 20% plus 38%). Ms. Dantzler asked about the business license fee per household and business kilowatt hours. Mayor Hays referenced 22% for small businesses. Mr. Richard Carroll lives in Ward 2. He asked if the Hydro Plant was generating power. Mayor Hays explained operations are based on the flow of the Arkansas River. Mr. Carroll said there is a power station in Ward 2 and asked why it couldn't be used. Union Pacific Railroad could generate electricity from locomotives. Mr. Bobby Taylor asked about franchise taxes. Mayor Hays said the franchise fees would produce approximately \$1.5 million and privilege tax fees would produce approximately \$1 million. Mr. Taylor asked that the electric increase be passed on to customers on one bill and not broke down into separate fees. Ms. Betty Nash lives in Levy and is retired and is concerned about the increases which she said are excessive. Ms. Nash referenced two recent articles in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* regarding state law and a voluntary gas/electric rate reduction an Oklahoma supplier would provide for some Arkansas residents. Mayor Hays adjourned the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. and thanked everyone for their input.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O-06-106

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MASTER STREET PLAN AND MAP FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, REPLACING THE PREVIOUS MASTER STREET PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on Monday, November 27, 2006, was called. Mayor Hays said he and Robert Voyles, Planning Director had reviewed the legislation. Several amendments need to be made, therefore, Mayor Hays withdrew the legislation and will refile it after the first of the year.

O-06-107 (ORDINANCE NO. 7884 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times and amended, November 27, 2006, and a public hearing was held on December 4, 2006, and reconvened this date, was read a third and final time this date. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Witcher. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the ordinance was amended as follows: *reference made to proposed amendments distributed this date* - LARGE GENERAL SERVICE LGS RATE AND RESIDENTIAL RS RATE AND RESIDENTIAL RSH W/WATER HEATER RATE (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted as amended (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). *Note: will go into full force and effect on and after January 1, 2007.*

O-06-108 (ORDINANCE NO. 7885 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FRANCHISE FEE (4.25%) BY ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC. ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES, was read one time November 27, 2006, was read a second time. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, with the exception of Alderman Gipson who passed, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (6/1). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Witcher who passed, the ordinance was adopted (6/1). On the emergency clause, all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Witcher who passed, the emergency clause was adopted (6/1).

O-06-109 (ORDINANCE NO. 7886 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FRANCHISE FEE (4.25%) BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY ARKANSAS GAS ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES, was read two times on November 27, 2006, was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Berry, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-06-110 (ORDINANCE NO. 7887 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A FRANCHISE FEE (6.9%) BY WASTE WATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on November 27, 2006, was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-06-111 (ORDINANCE NO. 7888 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS THE "OCCUPATION PRIVILEGE LICENSE ORDINANCE" AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 98 OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK MUNICIPAL CODE (NLRMC); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times on

November 27, 2006, was read a third and final time. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant. Alderwoman Robinson said not all privilege license fees will increase and Mayor Hays cited barber shops as an example. Alderman Gipson said large companies with large inventories will increase. Alderman Hight said he is opposed to raising the privilege license fee to offset the electric rate increase. On the previous motion, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman Hight, who voted no, the ordinance was adopted (6/1). On the emergency clause, all members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Alderman

Hight, who voted no, the emergency clause was adopted (6/1). *Note: will go into full force and effect on and after January 1, 2007.*

O-06-112 (ORDINANCE NO. 7889 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read two times and amended on November 27, 2006, was read a third and final time. On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Gipson, and the roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). Alderman Witcher reminded Aldermen-elect Debi Ross and Cary Gaines the 2007 Budget is a working document and can be amended at any time throughout the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS

R-06-158 (RESOLUTION NO. 7032 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING GARY CLEMENTS TO THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mayor Hays acknowledged Mr. Clements who was present and thanked him for his continued service and his involvement in remodeling the City Council Chambers and City Hall.

R-06-159 (RESOLUTION NO. 7033 - ALDERMEN GIPSON AND BRYANT)

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOB FLECKENSTINE TO THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF BOB HOPKINS ON THE

NORTH LITTLE ROCK CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. *Note: remove Mayor Hays name as a sponsor.* On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0). Mayor Hays acknowledged Mr. Fleckenstine who was present and thanked him for his service.

R-06-160 (RESOLUTION NO. 7034 - MAYOR HAYS)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY TO PAY FOR THE INCREASE COST OF \$550,000.00 FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH BENEFIT FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. A motion to adopt was made by Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry. Mayor Hays reminded the public this is an alternative to increasing the deductible paid by employees (per covered person) from \$200.00 to \$500.00 per year. On the previous motion, and by consent of all members present, the resolution was adopted (7/0).

O-06-116 (ORDINANCE NO. 7890 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE (TO) INCREASE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS BY COMCAST CABLEVISION OF ARKANSAS, INC. ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present,

the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry, and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-06-117 (ORDINANCE NO. 7891 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE (TO) INCREASE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS BY FALCON CABLE MEDIA, d/b/a CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderman Witcher and seconded by Alderman Gipson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-06-118 (ORDINANCE NO. 7892 - MAYOR HAYS)

AN ORDINANCE (TO) INCREASE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS BY AT&T ARKANSAS ON SERVICES PROVIDED WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). Mayor Hays advised the franchise fees are equal to or less than those collected by the City of Little Rock. North Little Rock residents also have “free” sanitation services (garbage and trash pickup).

O-06-119 (ORDINANCE NO. 7893 - ALDERMAN GIPSON)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS PENSION PLAN ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7589 WITH SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Witcher. Alderman Gipson has served on the Pension Board for seven years. This is the first time this situation has arisen. A former Health Department Employee would like to be rehired, however, she has been drawing her pension. This amendment would allow her to continue to draw her pension, and be rehired, but not rejoin the Pension Plan. On the previous motion, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderwoman Robinson, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0).

The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

O-06-120

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THAT CERTAIN SPOUSES OF ELIGIBLE RETIRED MEMBER OF THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND ARE ENTITLED TO BENEFITS UNDER THE PLAN PROVIDED THAT SAID RETIRED MEMBER HAVE MARRIED AFTER RETIREMENT AND HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS TO THE SPOUSE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Berry, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). Alderman Gipson asked Mr. Bob Sisson, Finance Director to provide figures to the council regarding costs of the proposal. Mayor Hays asked Mr. Sisson to include other uniformed employees when he provides figures to the council. Alderman Gipson said a third option would be the city's pension plan and referenced options for spouses to draw the former employee's pension. Mayor Hays mentioned "age specific". Mr. Sisson said this referenced the old plan. The ordinance was read a third and final time and held by sponsor, Alderman Berry.

O-06-121 (ORDINANCE NO. 7894 - ALDERMEN HIGHT AND WITCHER)

AN ORDINANCE TO RECLASSIFY CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT #5 56TH PLACE IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FROM THE PRESENT R-1 TO C-2 CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7697 OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. Without objection, Alderman Witcher was added as a co-sponsor. On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0). (*applicant: Bennie Maness*)

O-06-122 (ORDINANCE NO. 7895 - ALDERMEN BERRY AND PARKER)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF LANDS COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS LANDS TO BE TITLED THE "McILVEENE ANNEXATION" TO THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING THE McILVEENE ANNEXATION A PART OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was read. On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were suspended and the ordinance was placed on its second reading (7/0). On the motion of Alderman Berry and seconded by Alderman Parker, and by consent of all members present, the rules were again suspended and the ordinance was placed on its third and final reading (7/0). The roll having been called, and all members present having voted in the affirmative, the ordinance was adopted (7/0). Emergency clause adopted (7/0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS-----

Mayor Hays advised the council meeting for the second meeting in December would fall on Christmas Day and due to the holiday schedule, city offices will be closed, Monday and Tuesday of that week. Therefore, on the motion of Alderman Hight and seconded by Alderman Bryant, and by consent of all members present, the second meeting in December will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2006, at seven o'clock p.m. Mr. Jack Finnegan said the Baring Cross Neighborhood Association has no objection to development in the area. Mr. James Ard asked why Alltel was not being assessed a franchise tax. Alderman Berry said an Arkansan, Darren McFadden represented the area in a bid for the Heismann Trophy. Mayor Hays said Mr. Jermain Taylor represented the state well. Mr. Joe Reynolds asked about franchise fees and referenced Direct TV. He also asked why the dirt pile on McCain had not been removed. Mr. Suskie advised the franchise fee for AT&T is not on telephone service but IPT services. Satellite companies are exempt under Federal Law. Alderman Witcher reminded everyone of the deadline for "Operation Diaper Drop", which is Friday, December 15, 2006. Mayor Hays advised one of North Little Rock's Police Officers took the "Polar Bear Plunge" once an hour for 24-hours and the event raised over \$48,000.00 for Special Olympics. Mayor Hays wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business to come before the Council, and on the motion of Alderman Gipson and seconded by Alderman Witcher, and by consent of all members present, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. (7/0), until the next rescheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, December 28, 2006, at seven o'clock p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, located at 300 Main Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

APPROVED: MAYOR PATRICK HENRY HAYS

ATTEST: DIANE WHITBEY, CITY CLERK